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Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of an Official Action issued on February 4, 2005, in connection with a corresponding foreign application. Also enclosed are copies of the references cited therein, with the exception of U. S. Patent No. 4,680,376, which has been previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted March 8, 2002, in the above-identified application. Also enclosed is an English translation of this Official Action dated February 4, 2005. Still further enclosed is Form PTO/SB/08A and B, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a first Office Action on the merits in connection with the above-identified application, but prior to a Final Rejection or issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or issuance of any other action closing prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. For satisfying requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(c), the following Statement is made under 37 CFR 1.97(e):

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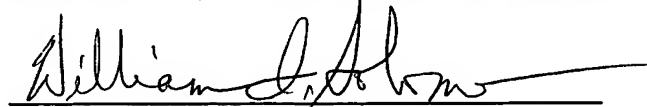
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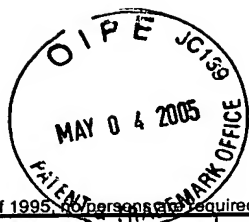
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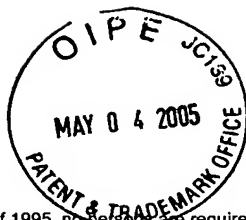
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